



DATE: June 30, 2021

AGENDA ITEM # 5

TO: Complete Streets Commission

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SUBJECT: Complete Streets Master Plan – Future Bicycle-Pedestrian Project Prioritization

ATTACHMENTS: Complete Streets Master Plan (CSMP)
Bicycle/Pedestrian Project Prioritization

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and Provide Input on Bike/Ped Project Prioritization prepared as part of the CSMP

INTRODUCTION

The City of Los Altos initiated the development of a Complete Streets Master Plan (CSMP) study project in the Fall 2020. The project includes four program elements:

1. Bicycle & Pedestrian Transportation Plan merge & update
2. Safe Routes to School Walk n Roll Map
3. Concept Plan Line Development at select corridors and intersections
4. Community Engagement

On March 31, 2021, the Complete Streets Commission participated in a discussion on the CSMP focused on finalizing a Vision Statement for the project along Ranking Criteria to help prioritize future Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects. The ranking process is aimed to help prioritize what is anticipated to be a substantial amount of future bicycle- and pedestrian-focused projects and to determine a system for ordering the implementation of projects, which are competing limited local funds.

During discussion of this item the Complete Streets Commission will review a preliminary ranking of projects developed through the public input process of the CSMP.

BACKGROUND

Complete Streets Commission input on the Ranking Criteria focused on the following:

- Safe Routes to Schools (20%)
Projects should be along at least one suggested route to school. Prioritize projects that introduce facilities along suggested routes to school that do not currently exist.

- Connectivity (15%)
Projects that close gaps in pedestrian networks or ensure connectivity to new or planned developments or schools
- Access to Key Destinations (15%)
Projects that connect facilities within 500-FT of a major transit stop, school, trail, library, grocery store, or large employer.
- Community Identified Priority (15%)
Projects identified through multiple public engagement efforts with unique stakeholders.
- Comfort (10%)
Projects that provide greater separation between motorists and bicycle-pedestrian uses, reduce vehicle speeds, or improve crossing opportunities across higher speed and volume streets.
- Feasibility (10%)
Projects that have a lower cost relative to all planning-level cost estimates and with no additional right-of-way constraints.
- Safety (10%)
Projects that are within 250-FT of at least one bicycle-pedestrian involved collision locations provide alternative routes to higher frequency collision locations.
- Equity (5%)
Projects that expand the geographic coverage of the City's Complete Streets network.

DISCUSSION

Alta Planning + Design, the CSMP project consultant, used a combination of public input from the following venues to help develop the proposed bicycle-pedestrian projects identified within Attachment A:

- 2012 Bicycle Transportation Plan
The list of previously targeted bicycle transportation projects was used as a starting point to identify potential bicycle projects.
- 2015 Pedestrian Master Plan
The list of previously targeted pedestrian transportation projects was used as a starting point to identify potential pedestrian projects.
- CSMP Project Website Interactive Public Tools
The CSMP project includes an interactive map and comment tool for residents to identify areas of concern and to classify those concerns into categories (i.e., bicycle, pedestrian, traffic calming, school routes, etc.). Other residents were able to "Like" other peoples comments to help identify projects with strong resident support.

- Public Comments

Public input during previous commission meetings, discussions with schools, and email comments to the city were taken into consideration.

Complete Streets Commission commissioners are engaged to review and provide input on the proposed project prioritization list on Attachment A.